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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REQUEST: UNSCR 1701 CONSULTATIONS,  
APRIL 5

Classified By: IO A/S James Warlick, Acting, for reason  
1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) This is an action request, see para 2 below.  
Department requests that USUN encourage the Secretary General  
to include a strong statement verifying non-compliance with  
the arms embargo and clarifying the SYG's process on Sheba'a  
delineation during his briefing of the UN Security Council on  
implementation of UNSC resolution 1701, currently scheduled  
on April 5.

¶2. (C) Department requests USUN pursue the following  
objectives:

-- Remind the Secretary General of SRSB's Williams'  
intention to include a reference in the 1701 briefing to  
USG-supplied information on violations of the 1701 arms  
embargo, which complements the Israeli intelligence cited in  
the 1701 report and provides further verification that arms  
smuggling indeed continues.

-- Encourage the Secretary General to refer to the 1701  
report recommendation for an assessment mission to determine  
whether or not the Lebanese/Syrian border is secure and to  
make recommendations regarding what steps should be taken to  
better enforce the arms embargo.

-- Encourage him to clarify the language in his report  
regarding Sheba'a Farms during his briefing, specifically:

a) The Security Council has authorized the Secretariat to  
review relevant material and develop an accurate territorial  
definition of the area in dispute -- the Sheba'a Farms area  
-- not to revisit the accuracy of the Blue Line determination  
in 2000 or to determine the sovereignty of Sheba'a;

b) Proposals on the Lebanese seven-point plan require careful  
consideration of the political and security needs of all  
parties.

-- Solicit a readout of his trip to the Middle East.  
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